A Large and Gay Assembly Danced for Charity.

CALICO WAS THE DECORATION

Worn by the Men and Women in Att ance at the Woman's Home and Hospital Benefit.

An unqualified success was the verhe calico ball given for the Children's home in the Blodgett building last evening. Its managers feel justly elated and the worthiness of the obect make all concerned the more

gratified. Patriotism appeared to have inspired the decorators, for flags and bunting were observed everywhere.

The south store room on the ground floor was partitioned into a supper room, where 100 at a time were served with refreshments, the other apartment being used as a card and conversation more. The porth store was converted The north store was converted

Into a dressing r one.

The ball room on the second floor was filled by hundreds of merry dancers, while the more sedate regarded the scene from sofas arranged about the room. The Virginia reel was entered into with unwonted zest and the spirit of informatity prevailed. None of the garments worn were of calico, but there were calico neckties, etc., in profusion.

The managers are especially grateful to Kingman, Limbert & Brower for the use of the store, the electric light company for donating lights, and to Dominick, the harpist, for contributing his services for the evening.

THEY KICKED THE CARS. Which Resulted in the Death of Edward M. Smith,

The verdict of the coroner's jury, which sat on the body of Edward M. Smith, was that he came to his death Smith, was that he came to his death accidentally while coupling cars on the L.S. & M. S. railroad. The testimony of David Moore, the engineer, and of Conductor Holmes, was that the cars were G. R. & L. and P. C. gondula cars of an old type, with pieces of timber known as dead wood projecting over the draw-bar. Such cars are considered dangerous by train men, as the deadwoods come so close together when one car is backed against another that it is liable to crush a brakeman's arm unless he crouches down close to the ground and makes the coupling from beneath.

The testimony showed that Smith attempted to make the coupling in that manner and that his foot caught on the inside of the rail until the wheels struck him. Another point in the testimony was that the cars he was trying to couple were kicked into the switch. The kicking of cars is quite commonly practiced, but there is a provision in the state law prohibiting the kicking of cars across crossings or into switches.

Judson Davis of Lansing, a brotherin-law of Smith, was present at the inquest, and will probably sue the L. S. & M. S. company for damages. Smith leaves two children, one of whom resided with him in this city and the other was in Bay City with the mother, who was separated from Smith, but is not divorced.

MILLER RECEIVED ONE YEAR, Him, and Said So.

John W. Miller, who pleaded guilty to a charge of embezzling a letter containing a money order, was sentenced to one year in Detroit by Judge Sever-ens yesterday. One year ago Miller re-ceived a letter containing two \$50 ex-press money orders. He met Alexan-der Innes on the street and Innes went to the express office to identify him, so that he could get the cash. The orders were intended for another John Miller. were intended for another John Miller. When arrested Miller confessed his quilt, and stated that Innes advised him to get the orders cashed. Innes was arrested, stood trial and was acquitted. Judge Severens said yesterday that he differed from the jury as to the guilt of Innes, and remarked as he was sentencing Miller that it was a painful duty to pass sentence upon him under the circumstances. He sentenced Miller to one year and three months, but after a moment's reflection he changed it to one year in Detroit house of correction.

SURPLUS OF TEACHERS. Few Pupile Are Entering the Ungraded

The school board has appointed three teachers for the ungraded school, but thus far not enough pupils have prethus far not enough pupils have presented themselves to fill two of the rooms. This school is maintained for the accommodation of those young men and women who can not attend school regularly. They may enter this ungraded school for any term desired and take up any subject they desire. Many young men who would not feel like entering a school where regular courses are taught will be welcomed here and be given first-class instruchere and be given first-class instruc

DIED IN A BARN.

Marshal Peters Experes Instantly in Higginson's Livery Barn.

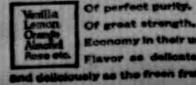
Marshal Peters died suddenly at 5:10 restorday morning in a bunk in Higseon's livery stable at the corner of Broadway and West Bridge streets.

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Peters and Henry Stabb were eleeping in bunks in the little office of the stable. At 4:55 Peters raised up and called, "Henry, get up. It is five minutes to six." Those were his last words, for he fell back with a groan, and when Stabb reached him he was



NATURAL FRUIT FLAVORS.



IT WAS CALICO EVE dead. A patrolman was notified, who called Coroner Penwarden. The body was taken to O'Brien's undertaking was taken to O'Brien's undertaking rooms, where a post mortem examination was neld by Drs. Fuller and Best. They decided that heart disease was the cause of death. Mr. Higginson says the man was in the habit of taking morphine quite extensively. He was about 10 years of age and apparently has no relatives or friends in the city. Mr. Higginson thinks he has a wealthy brother in Hastings.

City News in Brief.

The regular meeting of the Kent scientific institute will be held this evening at the Central high school. Miss Cole will present a paper on the nerbarium of the K. S. I., in which she will speak of the number of plants in the herbarium and of their geographical distribution. All persons interested in natural science are cordially nyited.

The only incident of note at the council committee meetings last night was a sight tilt between Alderman Dunton and Alderman Jacobs. The latter persistently set forth the merits of certain flour he wanted to sell the city and Alderman Dunton very em-phatically requested him to "cease fir-ing" on the subject.

A dozen pupils of C. M. Andersch gave a pleasant instrumental and vocal recital in Good Templar ball last even-ing, assisted by Miss Ella Shinkman, Mrs. J. F. Cramer, Miss Kate Thomp-son and Miss Mildred Dunning. Another similar program will be given to-morrow evening.

The committee on the Lyon street controversy held another session last night and listened to the plans proposed by the property owners to make the Street Railway company pay for the portion of the pavement between its tracks.

Timothy Hartnett, who was crushed between a street car and one of the supports of Bridge street bridge last spring, her in a critical condition at the U. B. A. home. He has been employed on the streets for twenty years.

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Viola Davis, fermerly of this city, a sister of Jennie Davis, and for a number of years an operator in the telephone exchange, was the nurse employed by President Harrison during the last illness of Mrs. Harrison.

The Rev. C. W. Dealtry delivered an interesting lecture on "Life on the Whaling Bark Nautilus" at the Berean Baptist church last evening. It was a story of his personal experiences in three oceans.

Yesterday was the opening day at

Yesterday was the opening day at the city treasurer's office for the pay-ment of city taxes. But few payments were made. The taxes must be paid before January 1 in order to save the

The Hack Owners' Protective union has been duly installed in the Federa-tion of Labor, and has received its charter. It has opened headquarters in the basement of No. 107 Monroe

H. C. Phillebrown of Detroit, assistant state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in the city yesterday on business connected with the association. He will leave this morning for Kalamazoo.

The state meeting of building associations will be held next week in Saginaw. Several local building and loan association men will attend. M. M. Houseman is on the program.

The contractors on the Cherry street sewer will have their work so far com-pleted that the Street Railway com-pany can use one of its tracks east of East street next Monday.

Prof. Archer sends word from Chicago that he will not be here to test

after January I. Aspirants therefore need not apply for the present.

The Grand Rapids Railway Clerks' association gave a very pleasant informal hop in the club rooms in the Norris building last night. About twonty persons were present.

"Religion and Monuments of Ancient Egypt and Zoroaster and the Parsee Faith" were the subjects of a lecture by W. J. Colville at Temple Emanuel last evening.

Thankegiving generosity has increased the number of applicants at the city poor office, and Poor Director Moerdyke is kept busy declining to give aid to the unworthy.

The December meeting of the Wo-man's Missionary society of St. Mark's church was held at the residence of Mrs. A. M. Fox, No. 413 Cherry street, yesterday afternoon.

There was a meeting of the board of directors of the Michigan Masonic Mu-tual Benefit association last night, but no business of importance was trans-

The "mirth provoking auction" at the Grand Rapids Bicycle club last evening attracted quite a number of club members and their friends.

Justice Holcomb joined in wedlock Fred S. Sniggle and Miss Ella Waffle, both of Lowel, in the bridal chamber of the county clerk's office.

Mrs. C. Carroll Follmer and Mrs. Harry C. Angell held a reception from 4 to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Mrs. Follmer's residence. The Young People's Literary society of the Church of Christ met last even-ing with Walter Brown, No. 194 Bar-

Yesterday's bank clearings amounted to \$217,075.17, an increase of \$90,621.18 over the corresponding day of

last year. The Christian Endeavor society of the Plainfield avenue Congregational church will give an entertainment this

The cabinet makers ball held in Ger-mania hall last night was an unquali-fied success. About 250 persons were

R. H. Stevens filed a chattel mortgage yesterday on his factory and ma-chinery for \$4,000 to his wife, Lu-

oretta.

Mrs. T. J. Knapp and daughter
Dora left for New Orleans yesterday,
where they will spend the winter.

The Innes rifles will give another of its series of parties at its armory on Division street Saturday evening. Turnkey George Traxler of police headquarters is very low with picuresy at his home on Turner street.

Watch the crowd of ladies that take advantage of the slaughter sale of mil-inery, No. 27 Canal street. The Silver Ring club gave a largely attended masquerade party at Simmon's hall last evening.

The Social Evening club gave a pe-dro party in Greenwood hall, Canal street, last evening.

John Keister of the Sixth ward sport-All the water mains for the Lake avenue extension have been distrib-

George R. Mayhew has returned from a fortnight's visit in New York.

S. C. Thompson of Manietes visited the city yesteriay.

The Local Brewers Consolidate Into One Concern.

ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAW

An Immense Concern Will Probably Be Built Near Pleater Creek-Owners of the Stock.

"Mum" was the word at most of the "Mum" was the word at most of the breweries of the city yesterday when questioned on the subject of the local beer combine announced in yesterday's Herald. The employers were more talkative than the employers, and they had little to say except to regret the fact that at least a score of them would be thrown out of work when the consolidation shall take place. Mr. Rathman, of Veit & Rathman's Eagle brewman, of Veit & Rathman's Eagle brew-ery, said, when questioned, that he didn't know anything about it. It had been learned from other sources that work upon this firm's new building had ceased in anticipation of the consolida-tion, but Mr. Rathman said the men

tion, but Mr. Rathman said the men had simply quit work. When questioned further, he said that it didn't make any difference whether the papers published the facts tomorrow or next week and that they should wait till the matters were all settled.

At Weirich's brewery it was learned that a proposition made by the Weirich company was not accepted by the combine, and that therefore they would continue to brew their own beverage independently. They claim to make a better quality of beer than the others, and say they have ample capital to hold their own.

Charles Kusterer of the Kusterer Brewing company, acknowledged the combine, as did others connected with other breweries. It was stated that the Frey brewery had not been urged to join, as the property was for sale and the heirs wished to close up the estate. The Toledo, Milwaukee and Chicago agencies in this city, representing mammoth concerns have been cutting into the trade of local breweries to some extent, and the brewers want to be in better shape to economize in beer making.

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The firms in the deal are Kusterer The firms in the deal are Kusterer Brewing company, Goetz National Brewery, Veit & Rathman's, Eagle Brewery, Brandt & Co., The Tusch company and Frank Hecht of Chicago, who assisted in organizing the combine. The plan, so far as divulged yesterday, is to build a mammoth brewery near Plaster Creek, and it was stated that an option on certain land has been secured for that purpose. Pending completion of the proposed plant, the probability is that the Kusterer and Tusch breweries will manufacture the beer of the new company and that the other

broweries will manufacture the beer of the new company and that the other breweries in the combine will close. Avticles of association of the Grand Rapids Brewing company were filed with the secretary of state at Lansing yesterday. The capital stock is \$500,-000, divided as follows: C. F. Kusterer, 1,000 shares; J. Peterson, 500; Gustave A. Kusterer, 500; A. Gentz, 500; Fred Tusch, 200; C. Rathman, 500; George W. Brandt, 500; and Frank C. Hecht of Chicago, 500.

THREE MORE FOR BELKNAP. The Results From the Second and

Third Wards.

the majority of the congressional recount committee yesterday were un-

count committee yesterday were unsatisfactory to those in attendance at the session. Mr. Turner made several objections to Belknap votes, but the committee did not see fit to do as he sought to have them. Occasionally Mr. Emmons voted with Mr. Launiers.

In the first precinct of the third ward one ticket was found which had a cross in the square in front of Belknap's name, but no other mark. Mr. Turner objected to the vote being counted, but his objection was overruled, and the vote was counted for Belknap. In the third precinct of the same ward a ticket with a scrawling mark at the head of the republican column, but not in the square, was counted for Mr. Belknap, although the opposition made strenuous objections to it. The inspectors in that precinct had thrown the vote out, and did not count it at all.

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The result of the count is appended:
Second Ward, First Precinct—Richardson, 261; Belknap, 195; Clute, 5; not counted, 20; Richardson's gain, 4.

Second Ward, Second Precinct—Richardson, 232; Belknap, 432; Clute, 21; not counted, 33; Belknap's gain, 5.

Third Ward, First Precinct—Richardson, 274; Belknap, 381; Clute, 15; not counted, 18; Belknap's gain, 5.

Third Ward, Second Precinct—Richardson, 187; Belknap, 350; Clute, 20; not counted, 15; Richardson's gain, 1.

Third Ward, Third Precinct—Richardson, 158; Belknap, 252; Clute, 22; not counted, 18; Richardson's gain, 2.

Belknap's net gain, 3.

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WORK OF NOBLE WOMEN. As Shown by the Woman's Home and

At the annual meeting of the mana-gers of the Woman's Home and Hos gers of the Woman's Home and Hospital yesterday afternoon, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Dr. De Vore; secretary, Mrs. Libbie Smith; treasurer, Mrs. Coleman. The election of the board of directors was deferred until the next meeting. Mrs. Libbie Smith, the secretary of the board, read her annual report showing the condition of the hospital. During the past fiscal year 285 women have been inmates of the home. Seventy-five of these were independent charges, eighty-two city charges, forty-one county charges, twenty-seven charity patients and seventy-five transient. The home furnished 660 free meals and 215 free lodgings. There were eleven births and five deaths in the home during the year. Three surgical operations were performed. The financial condition of the home is excellent. The second annual payment of \$1,000 was made and \$350 interest was paid. There still remains an indebtedness of \$4,000 on the home and hospital building. The institution is under the control of the Union of Unions.

UNIFORM IN MATHEMATICS. W. A. Gresson Chairman of an Inde-

pendent Committee. Principal W. A. Greeson of the high echool has been chosen as chairman of a sub-committee of the league of the Residence of the league of mathematics in the form course of mathematics in the preparatory schools. The standard of mathematics in the various preparatory schools differ so much that a pupil may be prepared to enter one college and not be able to pass an examination to enter another. The sub-committee will formulate a course for all preparatory chools. The standard of mathematics in the preparatory schools. The standard of mathematics in the preparatory schools. The standard of mathematics in the various preparatory schools. The standard of mathematics in the various preparatory schools. The standard of mathematics in the various preparatory schools differ so much that a pupil may be prepared to enter one college and not be able to pass an examination to enter another.

NOW FOR THE BEER story schools and will subsuit their finding to the whole committee.

The pariors of the Park Congregational church were a scene of gaiety and pleasure last night, it being the occasion of the annual supper, social and sale of fancy articles. Mrs. Lovejoy's mandolin and harp orchestra furnished the music of the evening. Tables arranged in the corners of the room were covered with fancy articles, which were offered for sale. The tables were quite bare, so successful had been the sale.

The most beautiful and effective part of the entertainment was a pantomine, "The Blind Girl of Castile-Cuille." It was acted by the following young women: Misses Thorington, Fletcher, Hines, Fallass, Taylor, Hefferan, Savage, Naysmith, Shaw, Bigelow, Heagie and Buck. Those who witnessed the presentation were delighted with it, The characters were dressed in white robes and were charming in their graceful poses and motions.

Union of Unions Officers.

At the meeting of the Christian Temperance Union of Unions in Good Templar hall yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Caroline Bassett of Lisbon, discussed "The Advancement of Women From a Biblical Standpoint." Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. H. N. Moorman; recording secretary, Mrs. William Thurston; treasurer, Miss Louie Packman. The election of a financial secretary was deferred until the next meeting. Mrs. Moorman invited the women to a "coffee," to be held at her residence, No. 317 Madison avenue, December 28.

Y. M. C. A. District Me Y. M. C. A. District Meeting.

The district committee of the Y. M. C. A. held a meeting in the new Y. M. C. A. building yesterday afternoon. C. D. Harrington, C. Wood, C. S. Ward of this city, A. F. Barrett and F. E. Hammond of Muskegon, Gerrit Tysse of Hope college, Holland; E. W. Minier of Ionia, E. M. Fillebrown of Detrois and Clay Hollister were present. It was voted to hold the annual district conference February 25, 26 and 27, but the place was not decided upon.

Pythian Officers.

Eureka lodge K. of P. elected the following officers last evening: P. C., W. D. Pugh: C. C., F. L. Hoag; V. C., C. E. Linsee; P., F. M. Williams; M. of E., David Hilson; M. of F., E. G. Meyerl; K. of R. and S., C. A. Cotton; M. of A., George E. Coggshall; representative, Alfred Wolcott; alternate, C. E. Ward; trustees, C. W. Fox, E. E. Park and M. B. Butler. After the election refreshments were served and card playing was enjoyed.

No More Cheap Rides.

At a meeting of back owners, held at J. H. Tatem's law office yesterday morning, the back war was declared off and the prices were resumed at about the old rates. The agreement made fixes the rate for parties and funerals at \$3 and in other cases the rate will not be lowered. The agreement was ratified unanimously by the fourteen back owners represented, and harmony and higher prices again prevail.

Death of Mrs. McKnight.

Mrs. Mary McKnight, the stepmother of Prosecuting Attorney McKnight, died suddenly in her home in Cascade yesterday morning. She was in the city a few days ago and took a severe cold, which developed pleurisy. The funeral will be held from the Catholic church in Cascade. Mrs. McKnight was 46 years of age.

Macy-Lathrop.

May C. Lathrop, daughter of Free-man Lathrop, was married last even-ing at the residence of her parents, No. 472 South Ionia street, to Fred Macy of the Bissell Carpet Sweeper company by the Rev. J. C. Smith of the South Con-gregational church.

New Electric Carriages.

A novel vehicle is being built by Butterworth & Lowe for Dr. H. R. Stevens. It is an electric carriage, to be operated by a storage battery. It will have four wheels, constructed with pneumatic tubes like a safety bicycle.

Contagious Diseases,

Contagious Diseases.

Sarah Van Proyen, age 22 years, No. 26 Howland street, Anna Van Proyer, age 13 years, No. 26 Howland street, typhoid fever; Theodore Fisher, age 4 years, No. 32 Gilbert street, scarlet fever; Edward Fisher, age 2 years, No. 32 Gilbert street, scarlet fever; Willie Falkertsma, aged 6 years, No. 594 West Leonard street, diphtheria; Lena Detard, aged 3 years, No. 373 West Leonard street, scarlet fever.

The following is a list of the marriage licenses issued since last publication, with the names, residences (when out of the city), and iges of the parties. Leonard L. Conkey, Nellie M. King, Ben-

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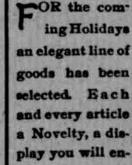
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